

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 1, 1998

H.R. 1021 Miles Land Exchange Act of 1997

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on April 29, 1998

CBO estimates that enacting this bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because H.R. 1021 could affect offsetting receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply; however, CBO estimates that any such effects would be negligible. H.R. 1021 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 1021 provides that if a parcel of nonfederal land known as the "Miles parcel" adjacent to the Routt National Forest in Colorado is conveyed to the United States, then the Secretary of Agriculture is directed to assign to the person conveying that parcel all right, title, and interest to certain federal land within the Routt National Forest. Both parcels are about 84 acres in size. H.R. 1021 would adjust the boundaries of the Routt National Forest to reflect the land exchange once it is completed.

According to the U.S. Forest Service, some holders of grazing permits currently operate on the federal land to be exchanged. These permits generate a small amount of offsetting receipts to the federal government, but the land that would be acquired by the government would also likely be used for grazing. CBO estimates that any effects on offsetting receipts from enacting H.R. 1021 would be negligible.

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